on six inches deep foundation whereas minimum 4 ft. specification has been laid down and yet the contractor concerned has been paid 98 per cent of the bill;

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter; and

(d) if so, what is the result thereof and what action Government have taken against the DDA officials involved in the racket and to recover the amount from the contractor concerned?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) 7,500 houses have been constructed in Dilshad Garden. Further 3,500 houses are under construction. After inspection by the Quality Control Cell of DDA and the Fact Finding Committee appointed by the Lt. Governor of Delhi in case of 96 MIG and 96 LIG dwelling Units the work was found to be of poor quality.

(b) On inspection by the Quality Control Cell on 17-7-78, the foundations of 50 houses constructed in Hyder Puri (Prashant Vihar) were found to be defective. Similarly, on inspection conducted by the Quality Control Cell on 1-6-84 and 5-6-84, foundations of 936 Janata flats in Pritampura (Poorvi) were found to be below specifications.

Payments to the extent of 88 per cent of the gross work order amount have been made, as regards houses in Prashant Vihar.

(c) and (d) Major penalty proceedings have been ordered to be initiated against the officers concerned with the construction of Dilshad Garden. Regarding flats in Pritampura the concerned officers have been placed under suspension and the case is under investigation. In respect of houses at Hyder Puri (Prashant Vihar), a case of overpayment to the contractor has been taken up and is under investigation.

Imbalances in cropping pattern and foodgrain production

*169. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since 1956 there have been imbalances in the cropping pattern and foodgrain production in so far as the share of pulses is concerned; and

(b) the manner in which Government propose to remove the imbalances in the cropping pattern by raising the share of production of pulses, thereby increasing the per capita availability?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Area and production of pulses has not shown an increasing trend during the period 1956-57 to 1983-84, whereas that of total foodgrains has registered an increase.

(b) The Government has initiated a number of steps to increase the production of pulses. These measures include extending the area under irrigation under pulses, bringing additional area under short-duration varieties, use of improved pulse seeds, use of fertilisers and rhizobium culture, adoption of plant protection measures, price support and propogation of latest technolgy etc.

Drowning of two boys in Vikas Puri

*170. SHRI RAM CHANDRA BHARADWAJ:

SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that two boys had drowned in a pool in a D.D.A. park in Vikas Puri on the night of 17th July, 1985;